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Cool green paint on the walls makes for a soothing stay in the rooms at Home Away Inn. Brand new Sealy Queen size beds occupy some of the rooms while others contain a pull-out sofa. The kitchenette is on the left.

Cathy Westman
Western Review

A hotel in Drayton Valley has been given a new life and a new name.
Located on Industrial Road, Home Away Inn is under new management and fully renovated.

Jonathan Yang, co-owner and current acting manager, said he and his family were persuaded to check out the building by Drayton Valley long-term resident Stan Franklin, and they liked what they saw.

"This property has quite the history. A couple of Greek gentlemen came to Drayton Valley in the late 1800s and started Cesser's Inn and Restaurant. When they first built it, it was the best hotel in town, and the restaurant was the place to go for steaks. We still get people through the trading population who remember the restaurant. They ran it very successfully then they sold the business. The new owner let go of the restaurant and put it in a night club and the rooms died. This was about three or four years ago," explained Yang.

"And that's where we came in. Stan and a few other people said, 'You should come in and revive it...if you make this

place good again, people will come.' We like this project and we want to give it a shot," said Yang, who, along with his family own and operate two other properties — Boomers in Rocky Mountain House and a Ramada near Estevan, Saskatchewan. Our family has over 20 years' experience in the hospitality industry."

"We weren't ready to do renovations a year ago. The whole process started about six months ago in July. This is a true family business — there's my mom, dad, grandma, sister and me — involved. My father and I take turns being on the property in order to manage it and oversee quality control," said Yang.

When asked how the new name — Home Away Inn — came about, Yang replied, "We had a brainstorming session. We want to make people comfortable, as in Home Away From Home. We thought about keeping the name Cesser's, but decided to start fresh instead."

Even with the economic downturn that is currently afflicting Drayton Valley, Yang said he and his family said they were prepared for that.

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Cathy Westman Western Review
This is a view of the kitchenette in the Home Away Inn rooms, complete with microwave, fridge, hotplate, coffee maker, pots, pans, dishes and even cutlery. Because the rooms have balconies, there may be some barbecue added this spring to enhance the dining experience.



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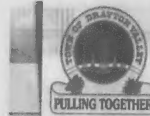
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News

Mr. Mikes opens its doors in Drayton Valley

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

One of the most talked about restaurants in Drayton Valley opened its doors recently.

Mr. Mikes Steakhouse/Casual is on 50 St. in Drayton Valley welcomed prominent personalities over the weekend during the grand-opening including Mayor Glenn McLean, providing complimentary food and beverages to all guests.

Former owner of another local restaurant in town, Wiseman Jabre, is now the co-owner and the manager of the newly opened restaurant.

Jabre has been a Drayton Valley resident for the past three years.

"We are very excited and Drayton Valley is very excited about

it and we hope to live up to the standard and expectations of the town and the community," said Jabre.

The casual steakhouse is also covered by brothers Sal and Mike Naim along with Jabre.

Jabre is aware of the current economic situation in Drayton Valley and area and is hoping the opening of the new restaurant is good news in the community.

"We are aware of the current economy, tough economy we are in right now but we think this is a good news story in this economy right now and we are definitely optimistic about this business and the future of the business," he said.

At the grand opening, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony along with speeches prepared by the co-owners and McLean.



Mamta Lulla Western Review

(From left to right) Mayor Glenn McLean and co-owner and manager of Mr. Mikes in Drayton Valley Wiseman Jabre were taking turns with the microphone at the opening of the restaurant.



Mamta Lulla Western Review
Attendees were being served complimentary drinks and appetizers at the night of the opening of a new restaurant in Drayton Valley.

Got a news tip?

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The purpose of the event is to create awareness of the variety of career options and job openings available to youth as well as to the general public. By educating on what is needed for a chosen career path, individuals can make proactive education choices to fulfill their dreams. We hope to open up opportunities to those seeking a career transition or simply needing a clear path to re-enter the workforce.

In order for the event to be a success, we require a variety of businesses to participate. We are looking for organizations who are interested in contributing to this event by:

- Bringing in equipment to demonstrate their trade, technology or service.
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- Supplying the necessary staff (office, field, apprentices or journey persons) to represent their profession.
- Providing financial sponsorship for the event. Sponsorship packages are can be viewed at <http://www.brazeau.ab.ca/business-support-services/earn>

For more information, or require further information, please contact Wanda Connelly by phone at 780-542-7777 or by email at wconnelly@brazeau.ab.ca.

To register for the event, please contact Tamara London by phone at 780-542-7777, by email at tadon@brazeau.ab.ca or by fax at 780-542-7770.

Early Bird registration deadline to March 15, 2016 – Cost \$100.

The final registration deadline is March 29, 2016 – Cost \$150.



Brazeau County News

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 892-15 to change the designation of Pt. NE 3-49-7-W5M & Pt. SE 3-49-7-W5M (7.87 ha (19.44 ac)) from Agricultural (AG) to Direct Control (DC) as shown on the accompanying map. If approved, the change in designation will allow for the application of a storage facility on the lands identified on the accompanying map.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed redesignation may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on **March 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chamber of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., February 19, 2016, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. Copies of the written submissions received will be provided to Council for consideration. Please note that personal information (address, phone numbers, email address, signature, etc.) will be redacted as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act; however, names will still appear with the submission.

A copy of Bylaw 892-15 for the Direct Control (DC) District is available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.



UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- February 4 – Municipal Planning Commission Meeting starting at 9 a.m. Open to the Public.
- February 16 – Council meeting starting at 9 a.m. in Council Chamber. Open to the Public.
- Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca/departments/administration/employment

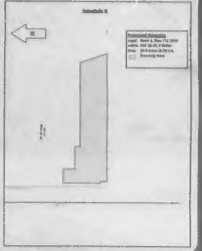
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 894-16 to amend the existing Direct Control Bylaw 383-2000 regulating the use and development of the property legally described as Block 5, Plan 772-2959 (8.99 ha (20.0 acres)) within NW 33-49-7-W5M. Bylaw 894-16 will amend the definition of 'Industrial Maintenance Facility' and add 'Schedule B' as shown on the accompanying map.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed redesignation may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on **February 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., February 5, 2016, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, please be advised that it will appear in the report to Council with personal information (address, phone numbers, email address, signature, etc.) redacted as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act; however, names will still appear with the submission.

Copies of Bylaw 383-2000 and the Direct Control District are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.



News

Home Away Inn about to open

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"We have seen the ups and downs of the economy and recurring business cycles. Even if the oil prices are not getting any better, we believe in this town. We've checked it out, and because we're prepared for the downturn, we're not going to be compromising service and quality while still keeping within our budget," he explained.

As far as renovations go, Home Away Inn now offers 47 rooms over three floors. All of the carpets in the rooms have been removed and replaced with plank flooring. Brand new Sealy Queen size beds have been added and some suites also contain pull-out sofas for suite-style comfort for long term stays.

Something else new that guests will appreciate are kitchenettes containing a microwave, modern hot plate, pots and pans, dishes and cutlery. Yang noted that because all the rooms have balconies, he is considering adding a few barbecue grills for convenient grilling. Rooms are offered on a nightly, weekly or monthly basis.

For those guests not planning on making their own meals, an area where an indoor swimming pool was located has been renovated into a lounge and restaurant. Named the Crown and Dagger, it's run by the husband and wife team of Ken and Lisa Chen. They have developed their own dishes and are also bringing in some live enter-

tainment on Friday and Saturday nights.

"I want to experiment with some different food. We have an amazing cook in Rocky Mountain House. I'm thinking of bringing her, a Japanese sushi chef, to come up here and train some people," said Yang. "Currently the former nightclub area is vacant. We want to find a suitable business to go in it. We're taking suggestions and looking for the right business partner," noted Yang. "Check us out. Come for a visit and have some hot coffee with us."

For more information and prices, phone 780-542-4255 or look them up on their website - www.TheHomeAway.com.

Cathy, Sweetman, Sweetman Architects

(Top left photo) Jonathan Yang and contractor Jay Har stand under the entrance canopy to the Home Away Inn, located on Industrial Road in Drayton Valley. Formerly known as Cobos's Inn and Restaurant, the hotel has been newly renovated and the doors will be open to the public this week.

(Bottom photograph) A view of the breakfast room featuring tables, chairs and up-cycled benches made from spars of the wooden boards that hang below the ceiling. The walls in the room are painted the same soothing green colour as the rooms. Just down from the room is the Crown and Dagger lounge and restaurant, which is already open to the public, and there will also be live entertainment there on Friday and Saturday nights.



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Tender submissions will be accepted in writing until 1:00 p.m., February 4, 2016. Tender forms are available at the County office reception. Tender opening is open to the public.

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

Tender submissions shall be sent to the attention of:

Mr. Michael Keweenaw
Supervisor of Supplies and Services
Brazeau County
Box 77, Twp. 464
Drayton Valley, AB, T7A 1R1
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The equipment will not be released until full payment is received from the bidder.

Tender opening: 1:00 p.m., February 4, 2016 at:
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NOTICE OF SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD HEARING BRAZEAU COUNTY

7401 Twp. Rd 494 (PO BOX 77), DRAYTON VALLEY, AB T7A 1R1

Take notice that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 2:00 pm to consider the following appeal:

APPEAL: To Appeal a Denied Refusal of a Development Permit
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 20, Bldg 4, Plan 1327645 within NW 10-40-7-W500
LANDOWNER/APPELLANT: Brazeau Development Inc.
FILE: 16SDAB-075
Persons who wish to express an opinion on this application may attend the Hearing on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 noted above or submit written comments in advance to the undersigned.
Karlina Dyk, Secretary Designate
Karlina@participin.com or 780-423-3824
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

News

CARRIAGE RIDE



Manita Lulla Western Review
Rocky Rapids resident Robert Pessant took his carriage and his dog Einstein for a ride to a local restaurant recently for an afternoon coffee.

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Pillars of the community

As we begin 2016, our newspaper will be bringing our readers a brand new program: Pillars of the Community.

For each week in 2016 we will meet a different person who makes this community a better place in their own way.

We aim to tell even those stories in 2016.

We would like our readers to nominate someone for this program. We know there are many great nominees in this area and we hope that you will take the time to nominate someone in the community whose great work often goes unrecognized.

When nominating someone, try to give us an idea of what makes that person so important to the community.

It might be something big, or it might be something small.

If Drayton Valley and Brazeau County wouldn't be the same without that person, we want to hear about them.

We don't have the chance to tell these positive stories very often, so we're happy the newspaper is taking this on in 2016.

For the most part, the people you will read about in the newspaper are spokespersons for organizations, companies or governments. We want to hear about the people who aren't front and centre. The people whose work in the background makes everything run smoothly.

These people are the backbone of every community.

They are the pillars that hold us up and they deserve to be recognized.

Watch for the first Pillar beginning in March.

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Fifteen things I like about Drayton Valley

Recently, I was sitting by myself in a local restaurant and thinking about all the communities I've resided in since beginning my journalism career. All of the moves I've made have been in Alberta. Some have lasted for months; others for years. Each community I've been in has both good things to offer as well as a few bad ones.

I pulled out my little notebook and tried to come up with at least 10 things I like about Drayton Valley. The more I wrote and ended up with a list of 15 things. In no particular order, here they are:

1. Amazing sunrises;
2. Beautiful sunsets;
3. The "woody" smell in the air every day;
4. Cuddling cats and kittens at the Cause for Canine building;
5. The Shout Out to Drayton Valley web page.

On another note, I managed to do the unthinkable: ble three weeks ago, I fell again. I had been so care-

ful not to fall down and land on my broken elbow. I was even at West Edmonton Mall a few weekends ago and skied carefully across their marble floors in the food court. But as I was walking up the steps to the Provincial Building, my toe caught the top step - and I fell. As I was going down, I was wondering which arm to lay down first without bracing my hands. Alberta Health Services say to fall flat on your arm, so I chose to land flat on my right arm first, followed by my left arm. Miraculously, both arms were unhurt and a very kind woman who saw my fall helped me up again.

I had survived my worst case scenario and escaped unscathed. I just hope this doesn't happen too often, or that I'm still wearing my heavy winter coat on the way down.

Yep, it's the "little things" in Drayton Valley that keep me smiling, even during the hard falls.



Cathy's Comments
Cathy Weetman

Opinion

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

So now it has come down to whether a school age person can, or cannot, tell if they are male or female. Whether they should use the girls' bathroom or the boys' bathroom, or according to our education minister, it no longer matters. I guess in this day and age of confusion and lack of morality it would be hard to tell the difference. I would suggest asking (Mom or Dad) sorry, wrong. That would be the Parental Guardian. Seeing as the young, under this new legislation, would not be able to use the words Mom or Dad. What is happening to freedom of speech? As I understand it when I was in the military, that was one of the things we were prepared to lay down our lives for. Apparently that doesn't mean much any more.

I was under the impression that we are living under a democratic society where the governing body at least consulted with the electorate before making major decisions like Bill 16. Yes, it is a major decision because these are the people that will eventually run our great country. I am thinking they would have some sense enough to tell the difference. Ever since the current government came to power I look more and more like a dictator. It is very plain to me that when voting, the majority voted for change, not for whichever party had the better plans for the Province of Alberta. Kind of like sticking your head in the sand and making a mask.

How many of the recent acts of legislation had anything remotely resembling consultation with any of the concerned parties? As I see it, the answer is none. How can you govern the hours that you work on the farm? At your 3:00 am check of the cows you find a cow hav-

ing trouble calving, are you going to tell her (fresh, yeah, gender specific) you are going to have to wait till it's time for me to go to work, or get it done on your own, or die, whatever. That doesn't work. Now when you are having and the hay is ready, well I can't do anymore because O.H. & S. will shut me down or charge me for working too many hours today. How many years has our current Agriculture Minister spent farming? Bill 6 is just another one of the legislations that have been rammed down our throats.

W.C.B. is so overrun with red tape that it may as well go the way of the DODO bird. They think that everyone lives in a major city close to their offices, so you can get there within 15 minutes, and if it isn't their injury, it doesn't matter anyways. It seems with a new government comes all the expert advice that was taught in university about farming or just about any other profession you care to mention that the ministers have no experience in. The government will stick it's nose in and screw it up.

It's like in the old patch. The 10 most feared words you can hear are: "Hi guys, I am here to help, I'm an engineer. Or, you want to see hard hats? O.H. & S. is here! Somebody says, "Is it male or female?" "Don't know, it hasn't gone to the bathroom yet, and they never told us in school how to tell the difference."

We are surrounded by provinces, territories and states that don't want a pipeline through their back yard. I wonder if the provinces realize where their equalization payments come from? We have been supporting them for years.

Hmm 160/90. Better quit for now.

Ray Silver
Carmichael Alberta

Albertans need a government review process that has teeth

A popular U.S. president once said that the closest thing to eternal life any of us on earth will ever see is a government program.

Madein Pirie, former adviser to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, told a joke about that same idea in a speech he delivered in Toronto. Pirie said that after the conservative-minded Thatcher took office, the first government program she eliminated had been created back in 1863, when the British and French were at war. Fearing an invasion, the British had paid a man to sit atop the cliffs of Dover to watch for Napoleon. He was to light a fire if the French Emperor showed up.

"We eliminated that job in 1860," Pirie deadpanned. He understood the tendency that bureaucrats have to perpetuate their own existence.

It is an overabundance of government's innate bias toward getting bigger, and staying bigger, that led numerous legislative assemblies to adopt sunset clauses—legal orders that say when a government program must end. If an agency or program is to continue beyond the termination date (sunset date), its existence must be debated and justified, and the legislature must then pass new legislation.

In the U.S., more than two dozen state governments have taken things even further. Instead of putting sunset clauses into certain pieces of legislation, to varying degrees they've adopted Universal Sunset Legislation that applies to everything they do.

In Texas, for example, every board, commission, and agency will be abolished within a specific time frame (usually twelve years), unless the state legislature specifically passes legal provisions for their renewal. And it isn't just the legislature that has a say. This is done by a twelve-member Sunset Commission backed by an executive director and a thirty-member staff. These people scrutinize every government agency and program, determining which of them should be eliminated, so far

the commission has carried out 500 evaluations, eliminated 83 government programs or agencies, and saved taxpayers more than \$900 million.

In Alberta, past PC governments made a feeble attempt to establish a somewhat similar consideration. Yet rather than setting up something with teeth that can genuinely limit the size, cost, and growth of government, the PCs passed a law saying that every few years, public agencies in Alberta must review whether they have a written explanation of what they're supposed to be doing. It's called a Mandate and Roles Document. These "mandate" letters are supposed to be developed by the bureaucracy and the Minister responsible.

In places where people are serious about responsible government, the evaluation and review of government agencies is undertaken by competent, seasoned people who ask tough questions. They determine whether government agencies should still be operating. In Alberta, we order that a Cabinet Minister must review a mandate letter that is largely assembled by the bureaucracy itself.

This year, legislation forces the Notley Cabinet to "review" mandate letters for more than 300 provincial agencies. Unfortunately, this process is not designed to save money. Nor will it result in eliminating aspects of government that are redundant, or that could better be achieved through other means.

Additionally, there is provision in Alberta to have actual operations of government agencies reviewed every seven years. Unfortunately, Alberta's reviews are not impartial or independent. They'll be carried out by the Minister in Charge, with assistance from the bureaucracy itself.

The above article was co-written by a small group of Official Opposition MLAs who each week, get together to talk through a legislative policy issue. As part of the process, a short commentary is compiled and then edited.



The Doctors & Staff of the Malone Medical Clinic are very pleased to welcome Dr. Leale Van Staden and Dr. Ryan White to the clinic. Dr. White is starting at the beginning of February and Dr. Van Staden in the next few months. New patients are welcome.



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News

County councillor's conduct in question

BRYAN L. LAMB
Western Review

Brazee County Coun. Rita Moir took the heat at a recent county council meeting about councillor conduct and as a result, a roles and responsibility training session will take place for all council.

Moir's conduct was under question because all councillors vote at council meetings, at which they are present, unless they have abstained from voting for any reason, which didn't happen recently.

Revealed Bart Guyon said that at a recent Land Use Bylaw (LUB) meeting where Moir was present, she didn't vote in favour or was opposed to a motion when a vote was called on a particular subject.

Moir replied saying that there was no malice involved and she thought she had voted when it was called.

"When Bart asked 'opposed', I thought I had stuck my hand up, and then when he said, 'one (vote)', I thought it was me so I wrote my name down on my sheet that I was the one opposed. I seriously thought I was the one opposed," said Moir while remembering what happened at the LUB meeting.

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CETC opens in February

MICHAEL LAMB
Western Review

The Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) will be opening its doors by the middle of February.

Town of Drayton Valley Mayor Kristina Vallee said she is hoping she and CETC Chief Operating Officer Manny Deol will be moved into the new building in the next few weeks.

The building is in its finishing stages at the moment, according to Vallee.

The original opening date for the centre was September 2015 which was later postponed to January 2016.

"The building will be open to public once everyone is settled in."

"Once everything is set up, we would love for the public to have a go. I went on a tour about three weeks ago and it's beautiful and I can-

not wait for people to see where the events are going to be and see the landscape," said communications and marketing coordinator Tyler Russell.

The first event at the centre will be on March 5 on International Women's Day. Aim for Success is organizing "I am Empowered," a conference that will explore perceptions around self-esteem, body image and self-confidence, which will be hosted at the centre.

Vallee said NorQuest College will be moving into the centre at the end of April 2016. In a previous interview with NorQuest College, Western Review was told that the college will be moving into the new centre during spring time and a date was not provided.

In the past, Mayor Glenn McLean said there would be a grand opening of the centre in September 2016 in previous interviews with the Western Review with a self-opening prior to the big one.

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FEELIN' GROOVY



Junco award nominated Jim Witter was in Drayton Valley recently performing at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre. He was in the community to present the music of Simon and Garfunkle.



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News

Family Literacy Day themed 'Old McDonald'



Cathy Westman Western Review
Brazos County Deputy Reeve Kara Westerland reads a Robert Munsch book called "Pigs" to the children who attended the annual Family Literacy Day event at the Drayton Valley Legion January 27.



Cathy Westman Western Review
This year's Family Literacy Day was held at the Drayton Valley Legion Hall on January 27 and featured a theme of "Old McDonald Had a Farm." Several community organizations joined forces to hold this event, which included a pizza lunch, fruit, vegetables, cookies, doughnuts, story time and entertainment by Ernestine Helgin.



Cathy Westman Western Review
Eighteen-month-old Kiera Holmes was busy enjoying her wooden puzzles at Family Literacy Day at the Drayton Valley Legion. She looks a little pensive as she has just two puzzle pieces left to put in place.

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News

Vehicle rolls over near HW Pickup

Maurita Lullin
Western Review

The Drayton Valley/Brazos County Fire Services were paged out to a single vehicle roll-over incident near HW Pickup Junior High School on Jan. 26.

The fire crew drove there in the evening when about a 60-year-old man lost consciousness while he was driving his Pickup truck.

EMS attended the incident as well and the man was taken to the local hospital as a precautionary measure.

Captain and maintenance coordinator with the fire services, William Gueth, said that the man informed the fire crew that he was watching a sporting event that evening inside the school gymnasium and he started to feel ill.

FALSE ALARMS IN SCHOOLS

On Jan. 26, a false alarm call was activated at St. Anthony School when a pull station was set off, around 9 p.m. at night.

Another smoke alarm incident activated a false alarm at Frank Maddock High School during some maintenance work at the school on Jan. 27 around noon.

FALSE CALLS

A false call came in from the Drayton Valley Hospital when a delivery door had been opened on Jan. 22 around 5:30 p.m.

Two false calls were made on Jan. 24 from two residences in Drayton Valley due to cooking. One came from a residence on 53 St., while the other was a resident at the Greenwood Mobile Home Park.

ICE SAFETY AND RESCUE

Thickness and colour of the ice can tell if the ice is safe to skate or ride on.

A two inch ice thickness is dangerous while a four inch ice is safe to walk or skate on. A five inch thick ice is safe for snow mobile or an ATV while a bigger vehicle would mean a 12 inch thick ice is needed to be safe.

Ice thickness should be about 15 inches for a truck to drive on.

The colour blue means ice is strong while white or opaque ice means the ice is half as strong and grey ice means the ice is dangerous.

The best and safest measure when you or someone you see slips and falls into ice is to call the emergency services.

"Preferably come and get us [if you or someone falls]. We

have the equipment and we are trained," said captain and maintenance coordinator William Gueth.

If you fall in, resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you fell as the ice is weak in that area. Gueth advised to use the air trapped in your clothing to get into a floating position.

More tips include:

Try to go forward onto the broken ice without pushing down.

Kick your legs to push your torso on the ice, when you are back on the ice, crawl on your stomach and roll away from the open area with arms and legs spread out.

Do not try to stand up.

While rescuing someone else who is trapped under ice, check to see if there is a long tree branch or a pole as the safest way to rescue someone else is to do it from the shore.

If you go on the ice, wear a personal flotation device and carry along a pole or a branch to test the ice in front of you.

Bring something to reach or throw to the person such as a rope or a pole or a tree branch.

EDMONTON AUTHOR VISITS DRAYTON VALLEY



Maurita Lullin Western Review
Edmonton Author Sharon Mallon, who wrote The Gift of Adultery, was at the Drayton Valley Municipal Library recently sharing her experiences and her book with the locals.



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News

Thrift shop woes plaguing volunteers



Cathy Weetman

A lack of quality gently used clothing is causing the Health Care Auxiliary Thrift Shop staff some major problems. Without a steady supply of quality gently used clothing to resell, this could lead to people having one less place in Drayton Valley to shop for clothing, and when the demand for clothing is so high, there would be less money going to the hospital for needed equipment such as the CT scanner. Ultimately, without community support, the thrift shop could close down completely in the future.

Doreen Beckett, Manager/Co-ordinator of the thrift shop and a volunteer for the past 16 years, said the problem is two-fold. There are a lot of "buy and sell" websites on the Internet, where people are selling their unwanted items, including clothing and furniture. Instead of dropping them off at thrift shops, such as the Salvation Army and the thrift shop in Drayton Valley.

Secondly, a lot of the items donated to the local thrift shop recently are of such poor quality they cannot be sold.

"We would like residents to know we still accept furniture, but it has to be in good shape. We also accept clean and gently used clothing, bedding, towels, etc. We cannot sell soiled, ripped, worn-out clothing with broken zippers or buttons missing, unstitched seams, smelly articles or clothing covered in dog or cat hair."

hair.

"We also cannot sell pots and pans that are worn out, with the Teflon coating scratched away or covered with burn marks or rust," explained Beckett.

"What it all comes down to is that when people are thinking about donating, they should ask themselves if they would buy these items (at a thrift store) and if not, they should dispose of them in their garage," she said, adding that all the people who work at the store are volunteers and none of them get paid. None of her volunteers have time to do any repair work on the clothing, so items should be in good shape when dropped off.

"This is one of the best and cheapest thrift shops for miles around, but that might change. With quality and quantity of items we are able to keep the prices down, and with the economy the way it is, there is a need for good quality clothing, especially kids' and men's clothing, including winter coats. We do two change-overs a year. Our change-over for spring is usually in April, but our storage racks for summer wear are not even one-third full," noted Beckett. Beckett is quick to point out that she has nothing against those residents who dispose of their items online as this

seems to be what she calls "the way of the world." However, resending quality clothing doesn't have much to choose from, and every cent that is given to the thrift shop goes directly to the Drayton Valley Hospital to support projects such as the CT scanner or recently the room that it will go into.

Thrift shop staff recently gave \$300,000 to the Foundation for the CT scanner, and another \$243,000 went toward the 2016 wish list for equipment. This represented proceeds from the shop over the past few years.

"If we keep going in this direction, this place will no longer be in operation," she concluded.

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Cathy Weetman Western Review
This mountain of garbage bags contains unusable clothing that was dropped off at the Health Care Auxiliary Thrift Shop recently. Manager/Co-ordinator Doreen Beckett goes through each bag herself to see whether the clothing can be re-sold, and as you can see here, it can't.



Cathy Weetman Western Review
These racks of women's winter clothing stand half-empty due to a lack of good quality clothing donations to the thrift shop in Drayton Valley. With the downturn in the economy, there is a need for clothing for women, boys and men, especially winter coats. The problem is that the quality of clothing being dropped off at the thrift shop is so bad it can't be resold.

The Drayton Valley Western Review

Sports

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Huskies and Sharks meet on Bball court

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

There was plenty of basketball action at H.W. Pickup on January 28 when the girls' and boys' junior high basketball teams from H.W. Pickup faced off against the St. Anthony's Sharks. The final scores of each of the two games were lopsided in favour of the home teams, but there were plenty of scoring opportunities for both schools.



Cathy Weetman Western Review

A Husky player attempts to block a drive down the court at H.W. Pickup School January 26.



Cathy Weetman Western Review

It's hard to see who is controlling the ball during a game between the Huskies and the Sharks.



Cathy Weetman Western Review

The Sharks player was unsuccessful in blocking this Husky player's drive down the court.



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There was a scramble to hold onto the ball at a game between H.W. Pickup and St. Anthony's.



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The Spruce Grove Saints were ruthless against the Drayton Valley Thunder on January 26, and overwhelmed the local team after three periods with a score of 7-0.

Cathy Weelman Western Review



The Drayton Valley Thunder goalies were kept busy January 26 fending off a slew of shots on goal during a match up with the Spruce Grove Saints on home ice. This was a successful save.

Cathy Weelman Western Review

TWO WINS FOR THUNDER



Mamta Lulla Western Review

Drayton Valley played against Fort McMurray Oil Barons on Jan. 22 and 23 and ended up winning both games.
The local team was slow in the beginning with both games but ended up winning. The game on Jan. 22 was tied between both teams but Thunder won in overtime with 3-4.
The final score on Jan. 23 was 2-5 which proved a much smoother win for the Thunder.

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News

Special needs transportation services in town

Employees from Sunrise Village in town were at the Drayton Valley Town council meeting asking about the lack of special needs taxi services in the area.

Sunrise Village general manager Glenna Menzies said a local organization that was providing transportation service to people who face mobility challenges is no longer providing that service.

Care by Mere Ltd. who was providing specialized transportation service ceased providing the service as of Jan. 1. The company is still offering some other services.

Martel said baby boomers need those kinds of services and wanted to know what the town was doing about it.

She gave examples of people who can't afford ambulances in case of emergencies. "So they suffer," she said.

Town of Drayton Valley Director of Community Services Ambette Delesch said the town is working on filling that need in the community.

She explained there has been a meeting for specialized transportation and the members from Sunrise Village will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the subject.

She said the town is looking at community based solutions for the issue.

Martel also talked about a

respite program in Drayton Valley that Sunrise Village is currently offering. Martel said the program is helpful for families who need a break or are taking a vacation and need a place for the elderly, or is helpful for those seniors who would like to take a "test run" before moving in full-time.

REFUGEE FAMILY

Coun. Debra Bossert said there are some groups in the community who are interested in bringing refugees into the Drayton Valley community. She added the initiation is at the very beginning stage and she will keep council abreast of any development.

She added that the community may see at least one refugee family in the community

within the next six months.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

Aim for Success representatives were at the town council meeting letting council and the public know about an upcoming conference for International Women's Day.

The conference called "I am Empowered" will explore perceptions around self-esteem, body image and self-confidence and is open to both men and women.

WORKPLACE WELLNESS WORKSHOP

The Healthy Community Coalition is hosting a Drayton Valley and District Workplace Wellness Conference 2016 for the working community in Drayton Valley.

Coun. Brandy Fredrickson

said the community can use such a conference with the fast paced and sometimes stressful work environments in Drayton Valley and area.

A representative from the committee asked councillors to support the committee with a venue for the event.

FCSS STRATEGIC PLAN Town council approved the Drayton Valley and District FCSS Strategic Plan for 2016 to 2020.

The goal for the program is to explore the current needs of the community to ensure that the priorities that were identified in the previous plan are still relevant and to develop strategies that will lead to the achievement of those goals.

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I was 15 years old back then and had not before experienced such power and sense of profound and utter freedom. I would ride near our house up old logging roads and trails into the bush and generally get into trouble. Max made me King of the Bush! Sometimes I carried my pellet gun and then I felt really king like

My freedom was somewhat curtailed when I came home one day with the Honda and me all muddy. My Dad asked where I had been and what happened. I had been riding through wetlands and streams, I said. He firmly suggested I "lose my new toy to wreck things out on the land." "It's not respectful," he said, "and you don't want to ruin my fishing streams." I didn't understand what he meant at the time because I wasn't hurting anyone. It was just the bum, after all. But my Dad had some kind of weird, quiet authority. Max and I mostly stayed away from wetlands and streams after that.

Likely that love of Max is one reason, and my Dad's influence another, why I was so glad when we, at the Eagle Point - Blue Rapids Parks Council received a grant from the Land Stewardship Centre in Edmonton last year to design an ATV trail system in Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area, and work on a restoration plan for damaged areas.

The 1agle Point - Blue Rapids Parks Council is a grassroots, non-profit organization comprised of local recreational organizations, landowners, government, and industry members who together are responsible for the planning, funding and management of the two provincial protected areas along a 55 km stretch of the North Saskatchewan River up and downstream of Drayton Valley. Led by a volunteer board of directors, the Parks Council has an impressive history of successfully implemented grants and projects.

Our directors are comprised of operating partners such as the Brazeau ATV Club, Brazeau Bowbenders Archery Club, Evergreen Shooting Club, Paddlers Club, Adjacent Landowners Group, West Central River Boat Association, Pembina Nordic Ski Club, and Drayton Valley Horse Club.

We had been receiving increasing complaints about the un-managed, random and increasing off-highway vehicle use in the Blue Rapids area - the noise, garbage dumping, vandalism, damage to wetlands, and erosion of slopes along the North Saskatchewan River valley. The existing very extensive OHV trails were unplanned,



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Certainly what was happening in Blue Rapids is no way to treat a special place. I'm pretty sure my Dad would agree with me.

Planning and then implementing the plan in Blue Rapids required me to first check our management plan, a document signed by the Board Council community board of directors and then co-signed by Albert Parks. Yep, check! The plan authorizes me to go ahead. Then I presented regular progress updates to the board and incorporated their ongoing advice. Then I checked with Brazear County's outdoor recreation master plan. Yep, check! Our general intent was consistent with the County's master plan, and in fact, the County's plan provided much useful direction including recommending a touring ATV family-friendly trail system.

Our family-friendly ATV trails in East Side Blue Rapids are now designed. The trails will avoid connecting with and intruding on private lands; avoid sensitive wet areas and erodible slopes, and they will maximize trail length while minimizing costs. We will restore 24 wetlands and at least 15 steep eroding slopes.

We have multiple partners on-board already. We have a million-dollar-plus budget and have secured over \$350,000 already.

This is a great project to create outdoor recreation opportunities for ATV-loving families in our community who want to enjoy nature. And it will bring tourists to our area who can stay in our local hotels/motels and campgrounds. It is located in the heart of Brazeau County, minutes from the Town of Drayton Valley, and along the North Saskatchewan River.

come. I would like to hear from ATVerS and would especially appreciate their expert advice on the specifics of trail design, construction, ATVer needs and trail maintenance. Please contact me at peter@epbprksparks-council.org. I'll get back to you - it may take some time so please be patient!

Maybe one day soon, Maxil and I and my Grandson will ride the ATV trails of East Side Blue Rapids and enjoy the beauty of the North Saskatchewan River and its valley escarpments.

Peter Lee is the Executive Director for the Eagle Point and Blue Rapids Parks Council. Visit them online at www.ebprparks council.com

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AURORA

The School Spirit Super Hero Day was very successful with students and staff representing a full array of justice defenders fighting for literacy, numeracy and a safe and caring environment.

Just over 30 of our Division 1 students enjoyed a Pizza Party celebration for bringing in a Reading Log in 2015! The next day Division 2 also had a similar event. Way to go "Brainsiacs"! Thank you to Boston Pizza for sponsoring our program and donating all the pizza, cookies and coupons. Aurora is so thankful!

The grade 4s were visited by Constable Ledue of the RCMP. She taught the students all about fitness and then put them through a grueling workout in the gym.

The grade 4s continued their cross-country skiing at Pembina Trails last week. It was a good introduction to this wonderful Drayton Valley outdoor resource and all the volunteers who keep the trails in fine order.

Mr. Carefoot took the AMA Student Crosswalk Guards for an appreciation trip to the bowling alley last week. The boys and girls have shown up on some very cold days to assist with the crosswalks. Your community service is appreciated.

There will be no school for students on Thursday, February 4th and Friday, February 5th due to the ATA Teachers' Convention. As well, there will be no classes on Monday, February 15th due to Family Day. Endorsements

WRSD MANDATORY SCHOOL FEES: The \$40.00 elementary school fee is now due. If you have not yet paid this, please do so at your earliest convenience. Please make cheques payable to Aurora Elementary School. If you have any questions regarding this, see you may call us at 780-542-9355

2016/2017 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FORMS: We are accepting next year's Kindergarten Registrations! If you have a child, who will be five years old before December 31, 2016, please come to the office to pick up your forms. Please bring the original birth certificate, as it is mandatory to have one to register. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, feel free to contact us at 780-542-9355

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: The Boys and Girls Club of Drayton Valley is currently assessing the need for before school care in the community for the 2016-2017 school year. If you would be interested in before school care for your child(ren) for the 2016-2017 school year please contact Sandie Labrie, Program Director at 780-514-3400 or sandie@bgcdraytonvalley.ca to express your interest.

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DRAYTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

February will be a busy month for our students and staff at DCSI! It starts on February 3rd at 9 am when we invite our community to come and pray with us for our government and our division leaders. On February 4th and 5th students have days off as our teachers head to our teacher convention to learn new strategies to impact our students.

Parents are welcome to join us Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:45-9:00 am as we continue to learn about the fruits of the Spirit. This week's fruit is kindness followed by goodness.

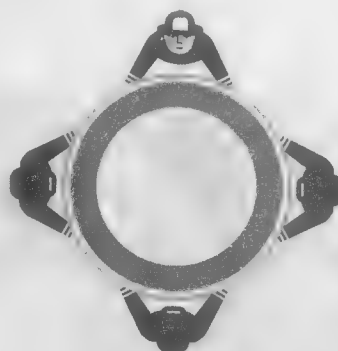
Our kindergarten students will again be visiting with residents of the Wishing Well and sharing Valentine Cards with them. Our student leadership and health action teams have teamed up to

organize a Winter Fun Day on February 12th.

Parents please mark February 22nd on your calendar this is our parent council and society meeting night. We would love for you to join us and offer your

opinions on school happenings

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School outlook

Winter has arrived! Not only outside, but also in the classrooms. Some classes are describing winter using their five senses and then writing descriptive paragraphs. Others are creating wintry art projects including 3-D snowflakes and frosty, wintry scenes. With cold weather, classes are restricted to staying in their classrooms at recess. When possible, optional recesses are provided for those who are bundled up with hand coverings, hand coverings and snow pants. This literacy has been outstanding as we only had a few trade days! We are still looking for some fresh snow, though, so we can reopen our slippery hill.

Schools in Wild Rose Public Schools will stay open all day on regularly scheduled school days, regardless of the weather, providing that the riding is deemed safe and comfortable. The primary consideration in the event of severe weather conditions shall be the safety and health of students. Parents are expected to exercise good judgment and care when deciding whether or not to send their child(ren) to school when weather conditions are extreme. Please phone if you are keeping your child at home. You can check out the school division's website at <http://www.wrsd.ca> and click on the Status in Wild Rose. Those students who come to school on days when buses do not run will still be engaging in learning activities. However, many classes are often reduced by half so these days can become a day of review and tutoring rather than learning new concepts. Please also note that our

hot lunch program during these days DOES NOT operate and students are expected to bring their own lunch.

Thanks to the many guests who have come to Evergreen School and shared their expertise with the students, Mr. Seib was visiting the kindergarten class learning how to work on a digital simulator including drawing pictures, Constable Leche and Constable Dumas were going over evidence such as footprints and tire tracks to further the grade six students' understanding of the evidence and investigation unit. Constable Leche is continuing with the multi-murder program where she provides a new topic, and coloring contest each month. The grade four also had an assessment expert coming in to observe their teachers and see the amazing work the grade four are achieving. Well Abany proud!

Mr. Enry's grade 3 & 4 are participating in the Enzygo Oil Country program put on by the Edmonton (Alberta) school. The program runs from January 4th to March 1st. During the ten week period, students are encouraged to participate in a variety of physical activities and track their progress in their Enzygo Log. In addition, there are 16 weekly challenges that highlight various facts of health.

Remember there will be no school Thursday and Friday as our teachers will be participating in professional development activities at Teachers' Convention. Enjoy the long weekend!

Tomahawk School hosts Family Literacy Day



Tomahawk School celebrated Family Literacy Day on January 27. The school invited community members in to read to the classes in the morning. "We had Karen Andre (President of the Tomahawk Area Society), June Leach (Tomahawk Crime Watch), and Constable Michael Collier-Edwards of the Drayton Valley RCMP detachment volunteered to read to our classes in the morning. In the afternoon, all parents and community members were invited into the school to read with their children. Thank you to everyone who came to help celebrate Family Literacy Day to support literacy in our school and in the community," said school principal Christa Robinson.

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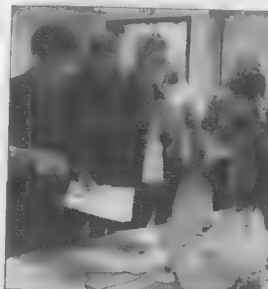
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News

Poverty simulation held at MacKenzie Centre was an eye opener



Cathy Weetman Western Review
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- Participation in safety programs and procedures

Travel Requirements:

- Applicant must be willing to travel to various warehouses throughout Central Alberta
- Must be willing to be on the road for 2-3 hours per day
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- Minimum of 5 years of experience
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- Strong material commodities knowledge applicable to oil and gas facilities, pipelines and wellhead infrastructure
- Must be very organized and able to handle multiple tasks and requests without constant direct supervision
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Working Wise – Saving for your education

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Anxious Dad

Higher education is not getting any cheaper – that's why it's important for your son to start thinking about how he's going to pay for his education.

First, in addition to Registered Education Savings Plans and gifts from parents, scholarships and bursaries are a great source of educational funding.

Bursaries are awards based primarily on financial need, but may also require additional criteria such as community

There are a vast number of different awards. For more information on scholarships and bursaries, including a searchable list of awards, visit alis.alberta.ca/awards/index.htm.

Second, students can apply for government student loans through Student Aid Alberta which can help cover basic costs of learning and living. The goals of the program are to reduce financial barriers and enable access to post-secondary education. Students can apply online at www.studentaid.alberta.ca.

Third, students can work while they are in post-secondary. Research shows that most students can work 10–15 hours per week without any noticeable impacts on their studies.

Working a few hours a week helps post-secondary students learn time management and employability skills. It can also save years of repaying loans for not only tuition and books, but pocket

Fourth, your son might want to consider an education that allows him to earn while he learns. Apprenticeships and co-op education programs allow students to earn an income for part of the year while they learn on the job. For more information on Alberta's 50 re-

Finally, working part time while in high school is a fantastic way for students to save for their post-secondary education.

Discussing with your son what his education is going to cost, showing him what you can contribute and what he will need

to pay through scholarships, loans, working and saving might help him understand why it's

Setting goals and coming up with a plan might also

make university seem a little more real and get him excited about saving for post-secondary.

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